

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-4, 20, 23-26, 36 and 42 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 5, 6, 10, 12-17, 19, 21, 22, 27-29, 32, 34, 35, 37-39, 41 and 43 are currently being amended. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-42 were previously pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indication that claims 6-, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17-19, 21,22, 28-31, 34, 35, 37, 39-41, and 43 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claims and any intervening claims, and to address information noted by the examiner. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with this indication.

Claims 23 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-5, 16, 23-27, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Lane et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,377,051. Claims 1-4, 14, 23-26, and 36 were rejected under § 102(b) as anticipated by Kwon, U.S. Patent No. 5,418,658. Claims 20 and 42 were rejected under § 103(a) as obvious over Kwon and Lane. Claims 10, 11, 32 and 33 were rejected under § 103(a) as obvious over Lane and Bruls, EP 0 802 682 A1.

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicants believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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